

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1143387

Victory Church Cwmbran
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2024

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Victory Church Cwmbran

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Victory Church Cwmbran

Charity registration number 1143387

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The trustees Mr S Green
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Trustees' Annual Report (*continued*)

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Structure, governance and management

The charity was registered as a charity on 16 August 2011. The charity has a legal governing document, to which the Board of Trustees adheres. The Board of Trustees facilitates an annual members' meeting for the Partners. The Partners are people who regularly attend Victory Church or the church plants in the various locations. The Partners give of their time and commit regular financial support to fulfil the ministry of the church. At the annual meeting, Partners are presented with important proposals for their approval.

The trustees are also responsible for employment matters, risk management and the financial controls for the charity. In practice, much of this work has been delegated to the Senior Leadership Team, therefore the operational matters of the church are delegated to the Senior Leadership Team, which is led by Pastor Clyde Thomas.

The Board of Trustees meets twice a year to discuss and assess requests and ensure risk management and safeguards are in place to enable the vision of the charity to happen. The trustees give relevant input and support to enable the church to flourish. The Senior Leadership Team meets monthly to monitor and report the workings of the church accurately.

The Senior Leadership Team is made up of:

Clyde Thomas, Richard Reed, Martyn Sheppard, Rebekah Thomas, Sherard Wood and Marilyn Harry.

Victory Church Cwmbran is affiliated with Elim Foursquare Alliance (hereafter Elim), which provides minimum recommendations for minister's remuneration. Elim provides annual guidelines for Minister remuneration and minimum recommended scales, together with details relating to income tax, tax returns, National Insurance, allowances and dealing with expenses. The trustee board uses the remuneration guidance to determine salaries for all employees.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

New trustees are recommended to the church partners by the Senior Leadership Team. Trustees must be a partner of the church. Once nominated, a trustee will be appointed after approval by the partners. New trustees are given an information pack prior to their appointment to enable them to understand the duties and responsibilities. Currently, a trustee will remain in their position until resignation; this process is reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees.

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Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Risk review

The Board of Trustees carries out an annual review of the risks faced by the charity and the procedures established to manage those risks. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of effective internal control procedures, which ensure both appropriate authorisation of all transactions and projects and consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charity. These procedures are periodically reviewed for their continuing effectiveness.

During a periodical review in the year to 31 March 2024, the Board of Trustees and the Senior Leadership Team undertook a review of risks to the charity, which they believe to be income, expenditure, staff roles and responsibilities, partner commitment, and unrestricted reserves. It was agreed that partners would continue to be provided with reports showing the unrestricted income, which would inform the partners of the charity's financial status on a regular basis. The quarterly reports would also clearly show the actual expenditure for the premises, staffing and the various ministries. It was also agreed that the church would look to grant funding to enable staff recruitment and growth.

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Objectives and activities

The objectives of the church are for public benefit: -

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including the provision of counselling and support in such part of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit;
- To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit; and
- To use the income and may use the capital of the church in promoting the objects. It is the intention to evangelise Wales by church planting.

The activities of the church include: -

Sunday services and mid-week services in several locations. There is a Kids' Church, crèche, coffee shop, soft play area and a program for youth and young adults. The church also has a worship team that meets weekly and takes an active part in services. The church engages in the community by supporting local families through the Victory Grocery Store and supports ex-addicts and ex-offenders.

The Board of Trustees and the Senior Leadership Team referred to the guidance contained in the general guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the Board of Trustees and the Senior Leadership Team considered how planned activities would contribute to the aims and objectives that were set for the charity.

Purposes and Aims

The purpose and aim of Victory Church Cwmbran is to bring glory to God and hope to people. We achieve this by providing a varied church programme across multiple locations. We exist to advance the Christian faith and see lives transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Christian community is at the heart of what we do. We seek to build an inclusive community for the 21st century, where everyone can find hope and faith for themselves, whilst discovering Biblical truth and values for their lives. Our community is open and accessible to all and centres around the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Ensuring Our Work Delivers Its Aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aims, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes.

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Focus on Our Work

Our main objectives for the period continued to be providing a high quality church presence in the communities where we are planted, with a strong focus on engaging people who do not normally attend church, as well as our own congregation.

We focused on:

- strengthening our local church community in each location;
- developing leaders across the life of our church, strengthening our current ministries;
- building a cohesiveness in ministry across sites;
- supporting our international works in Bulgaria and the Philippines as well as third party works in Uganda;
- reaching out to the most vulnerable in our communities through extensive daily relief and charitable works; and
- redesigning our Supported Housing Ministry which has capacity to house 8 men/women at any one time. Many of the men/women supported have found hope and faith and discovered fresh purpose in their lives.

Volunteers

Victory Church Cwmbran volunteers are an important part of the church. The volunteers help with daily operational tasks and with the wider ministry in Cwmbran and other locations. The volunteers comply with the policies and procedures of the charity, based on Christian principles. The volunteers are dedicated and give their time and expertise to allow the vision of Victory Church to flourish.

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Achievements and performance

Cwmbran Location

Our main central location has been a solid presence in Cwmbran with an extensive reach to families locally. The Victory Grocery store which launched last financial year quickly grew to a membership of over 1000 local families. This has created many challenges as demand outstrips funding so the leadership are seeking creative ways to generate income to enable the store to become self-supporting. On a daily basis, the church continued to serve families through The Ark soft play centre, Cafe Victory and various levels of community and pastoral support.

The church continues to partner with Cwmbran High School to run a PRU for local children with educational and behavioural needs. This has enabled many opportunities and due to the outstanding success the PRU has grown to educate more children. The church has been at the forefront of work within the community for families in need, offering extensive work to children and young people through strategic partnerships with Torfaen Play.

We launched a new LifeGroup and HangOut strategy to enable the church to gather outside of traditional services and meetings. This helped to re-establish strong fellowship within the life of the church. We continued to see people make the decision to follow Jesus Christ each week through the Sunday ministry.

Our online presence continues via Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and Instagram.

Swffryd Location

The church in Swffryd continues to develop and is a strong presence in a very deprived area of Wales (Swffryd in Blaenau Gwent). The church has been at the heart of the community for many years but, in recent years, has been replanted by Victory. We are pleased to report that for four years the church has continued to reach out, empower the community and engage the locality. We also do a lot of partnership work with Love Wales to address needs in Blaenau Gwent.

Caldicot Location

We stepped into an existing Elim church in Caldicot, to revitalise and reopen it. The church was stunted and imminent closure was on the horizons. We have sought to redesign and strengthen the church through building a new team and bringing a fresh wave of outreach to the area. We are pleased to report that the church has begun to see the shoots of new life.

International Locations

Our ministries in the Philippines and Bulgaria continued and partners in the United Kingdom provided financial support and continuous prayer. The local teams shared the Gospel, reached the lost and supported the most vulnerable spiritually and practically.

Baptisms and Salvations

The heartbeat of our ministry is to see lives changed, this is evidenced through salvations and baptisms. Throughout the year, we saw regular commitments to Christ through Sunday services and around 29 were baptised over the period.

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Youth Ministry

Limitless Youth has continued to develop and has reached out into schools, colleges and also ran an annual camp. The team is now focusing on both in-house young people and detached youth, bringing a message of hope and faith to a new generation. A new youth team stepped in to facilitate this vital ministry during the period and are currently working on the vision for the future.

Kids' Ministry

Our Victory kids' ministry continued to serve children throughout the year with Bible teaching, worship and opportunities to learn and grow together. The children took part in Christmas in Cwmbran as well as a special Sunday service in December. During the year, kids learnt various topics and enjoyed kids church in The Ark. We also launched a 'family Life Group' to cater for the needs of children and families during the week.

Supported Housing

During the past year, 5 men and 2 women were supported in our Victory homes to help prevent imminent homelessness and to develop growth pathways for their lives. Throughout the year, the service continued to work in partnership with external organisations, where possible.

Grocery Store

The Victory Grocery Store was supported by CBN, Awards for All, The Moondance Foundation, Welsh Government and Torfaen County Borough Council. We are very grateful for these partnerships which have enabled the regular provision of food and groceries for families locally. The store has helped families during the cost of living crisis and continues to experience huge demand. We are now looking for local businesses to help support the store and partner in helping people with a 'hand up rather than a hand out'.

Other Ministries

The money at Victory Church charity is carefully stewarded; the Senior Leadership Team prayerfully considered other ministries to be supported during the financial year, in addition to the UK locations, and the Philippines and Bulgaria.

A minimum of 10% of tithes and offerings is regularly given back to God by supporting other local and international ministries. In this financial year, £11,305 went to UK ministries and £16,676 to international ministries.

Key performance indicators

The trustees use Key Performance Indicator principles to measure outcomes against objectives e.g. number of partners, salvations, baptisms, engagement in community events. They also measure attendance at church, kids and youth, on a regular basis, all of which have seen an increase in attendance of between 20% to 35% from last year. The number of families engaging in The Ark soft play and Grocery Store ministries is monitored, both of which were open on a daily basis.

The trustees also look at financial indicators to set future plans which align with the vision and mission of the church, e.g. expenditure commitments, general giving, donations, grant

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funding. The overall process undertaken measured the success and growth of each ministry and factored in the decision making for the following year.

Financial review

During the year, the charity received income totalling £573,167 (2023: £478,295) and total resources expended amounted to £532,897 (2023: £490,858). Unrestricted income was £294,724 (2023: £275,683) and unrestricted expenditure was £267,187 (2023: £280,755) resulting in an unrestricted net surplus of £27,537 (2023: deficit of £5,072). Restricted income was £278,442 (2023: £202,613) and restricted expenditure was £265,709 (2023: £210,104) resulting in a restricted net surplus of £12,733 (2023: deficit of £7,491).

Income includes tithes and offerings from regular givers; giving can be in person, direct to the bank or through other online platforms. Regular giving provides a consistent funding stream to cover the general overheads, central office, and core ministries. In addition to this income stream, the charity secured funding from external partnership the form of grants. These grants were used for the specific purpose outlined in the grant proposal and the grant provider's terms and conditions. These funds are clearly differentiated in the annual accounts under the designated ministry.

In the 2023/24 financial year, the building was upgraded, including the installation of an energy efficient system, to provide a warm community space to encourage greater footfall in community activities. The partnership with Operation Blessing and the Grocery Store continued and, along with grants from The Moondance Foundation, The Neighbourly Foundation, Torfaen Community Food Scheme, and partner donations, the ministry was able to purchase food, and fund staffing, to enable the shop ministry to continue to serve the community.

In December 2023, we secured matched funding from Love Christmas, which supported us to promote kindness and connection by putting together hampers for those in the community who benefitted from the Bag of Kindness they received at a community event. Regular giving and grant funding has enabled the charity to make a positive difference in the community, in families, and for individuals.

At the year end, the charity had unrestricted reserves of £73,418 (2023: £45,881) and restricted reserves of £73,815 (2023: £61,082). This was represented by £132,137 (2023: £95,270) net current assets and fixed assets of £15,096 (2023: £11,693).

Reserves policy

The trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ("the free reserves") held by the charity should be between three and six months of the resources expended. We are moving toward this aspiration and the trustees are currently looking at ways to increase reserves to enable them to fall within the range as set out above.

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Plans for future periods

As a church, we exist for people who have faith, and no faith. We want to see the community impacted and felt needs met. We want to empower our members to live out their Christian faith in practical ways, for the good of the community and world.

We would like to see more and more people discover the truth of Jesus' Gospel for themselves. We are intentionally working to reach every human being in the local community by demonstrating the Gospel in everyday life and working practically and spiritually to increase our reach.

We are working strategically to develop clear pathways for growth for those who are a part of Victory Church. This includes partnering with Alpha, Freedom in Christ, CAP, and also developing our strategy to grow people through relevant course offerings.

We are working hard to develop our financial support base to enable us to grow our work and offer more outreach and ministry to people. This is particularly important as our ethos of ministry is 24/7; and not only limited to designated church services.


We would like to see every believer equipped for mission and Christian living in their workplace or places of influence. We aim to offer a range of ministry in this area over the next period.

The trustees believe that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

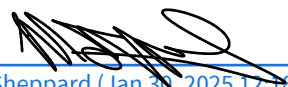
Compliance with prevailing laws and regulations

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 30/01/2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Samuel Green (Jan 30, 2025 15:32 GMT)
Mr S Green
Trustee



M Sheppard (Jan 30, 2025 12:18 GMT)
Mr M Sheppard
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Victory Church Cwmbran

Year ended 31 March 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Victory Church Cwmbran ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kara Williams

[Kara Williams \(Jan 30, 2025 15:36 GMT\)](#)

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Independent Examiner

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Date 30/01/2025
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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2024

		2024			2023
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	168,113	194,535	362,649	264,267
Charitable activities	5	46,247	78,712	124,959	135,914
Other trading activities	6	51,992	–	51,992	62,289
Investment income	7	336	5,175	5,511	245
Other income	8	28,036	20	28,056	15,580
Total income		<u>294,724</u>	<u>278,442</u>	<u>573,167</u>	<u>478,295</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	<u>267,187</u>	<u>265,709</u>	<u>532,897</u>	<u>490,858</u>
Total expenditure		<u>267,187</u>	<u>265,709</u>	<u>532,897</u>	<u>490,858</u>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		<u>27,537</u>	<u>12,733</u>	<u>40,270</u>	<u>(12,563)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>45,881</u>	<u>61,082</u>	<u>106,963</u>	<u>119,526</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>73,418</u>	<u>73,815</u>	<u>147,233</u>	<u>106,963</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 14 to 25 form part of these financial statements.


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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	15	15,096	11,693
Current assets			
Debtors	16	684	—
Cash at bank and in hand		135,213	98,101
		<u>135,897</u>	<u>98,101</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>3,760</u>	<u>2,831</u>
Net current assets		<u>132,137</u>	<u>95,270</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>147,233</u>	<u>106,963</u>
Net assets		<u>147,233</u>	<u>106,963</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		73,815	61,082
Unrestricted funds		73,418	45,881
Total charity funds	19	<u>147,233</u>	<u>106,963</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 30/01/2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:


 Samuel Green (Jan 30, 2025 15:32 GMT)
 Mr S Green
 Trustee


 M Sheppard (Jan 30, 2025 12:18 GMT)
 Mr M Sheppard
 Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income/(expenditure)	40,270	(12,563)
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	3,995	3,252
Other interest receivable and similar income	(5,511)	(245)
Interest payable and similar charges	60	–
Accrued expenses	929	431
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	(684)	–
Trade and other creditors	–	(149)
Cash generated from operations	39,059	(9,274)
Interest paid	(60)	–
Interest received	5,511	245
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	<u>44,510</u>	<u>(9,029)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(7,398)	–
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(7,398)</u>	<u>–</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	37,112	(9,029)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	98,101	107,130
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>135,213</u>	<u>98,101</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Greenforge Way, Cwmbran, NP44 3BA, Torfaen.

As detailed in the trustees' report, the activities of the church include Sunday services and mid-week services in several locations. There is a Kids' Church, crèche, coffee shop, soft play area and a program for youth and young adults. The church also has a worship team that meets weekly and takes an active part in services. The church engages in the community by supporting local families through the Victory Grocery Store and supports ex-addicts and ex-offenders.

2. Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are presented in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity, and are rounded to the nearest £1.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% straight line
Equipment	- 33% straight line

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

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3. Accounting policies (continued)

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
General donations	135,572	129,820	265,393
Gift aid claimed	32,541	–	32,541
Grants			
Grants receivable	–	64,715	64,715
	<u>168,113</u>	<u>194,535</u>	<u>362,649</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
General donations	106,921	63,476	170,397
Gift aid claimed	1,676	–	1,676
Grants			
Grants receivable	41,244	50,950	92,194
	<u>149,841</u>	<u>114,426</u>	<u>264,267</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Victory Academy	–	1,126	1,126
Supported housing	–	77,586	77,586
Grocery store income	46,247	–	46,247
	<u>46,247</u>	<u>78,712</u>	<u>124,959</u>

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5. Charitable activities (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Victory Academy	–	3,405	3,405
Supported housing	–	84,677	84,677
Grocery store income	47,832	–	47,832
	<u>47,832</u>	<u>88,082</u>	<u>135,914</u>

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from The Ark	24,929	24,929	39,951	39,951
Coffee shop income	26,555	26,555	22,061	22,061
Gift shop income	508	508	277	277
	<u>51,992</u>	<u>51,992</u>	<u>62,289</u>	<u>62,289</u>

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>336</u>	<u>5,175</u>	<u>5,511</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>161</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>245</u>

8. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Rental Income	<u>28,036</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>28,056</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Rental Income	<u>15,560</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>15,580</u>

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9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Church and Campus	181,374	72,761	254,136
Outreach, missions and other ministries	–	143,550	143,550
Grocery Store	48,290	48,720	97,010
Coffee shop and others	33,591	678	34,269
Support costs	3,932	–	3,932
	<u>267,187</u>	<u>265,709</u>	<u>532,897</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Church and Campus	169,472	56,699	226,170
Outreach, missions and other ministries	–	152,559	152,559
Grocery Store	83,875	–	83,875
Coffee shop and others	23,103	846	23,951
Support costs	4,305	–	4,303
	<u>280,755</u>	<u>210,104</u>	<u>490,858</u>

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Church and Campus	254,136	–	254,136	226,170
Outreach, missions and other ministries	143,550	–	143,550	152,559
Grocery Store	97,010	–	97,010	83,875
Coffee shop and others	34,269	–	34,269	23,951
Governance costs	–	3,932	3,932	4,303
	<u>528,965</u>	<u>3,932</u>	<u>532,897</u>	<u>490,858</u>

11. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>3,995</u>	<u>3,252</u>

12. Independent examination fees

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>3,930</u>	<u>3,431</u>

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13. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	144,746	120,472
Social security costs	7,867	6,176
Employer contributions to pension plans	2,696	4,772
Other employee benefits	934	–
	<u>156,243</u>	<u>131,420</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 8 (2023: 7). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Full time employees	4	4
Part time employees	1	1
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

The average number of full time employees was 4 (2023: 4). The average number of part time employees was 1 (2023: 1).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £38,538 (2023: £35,667).

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

No trustees claimed expenses or had their expenses met by the charity during the year.

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15. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	50,379	32,151	82,530
Additions	7,398	—	7,398
At 31 March 2024	57,777	32,151	89,928
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	40,043	30,794	70,837
Charge for the year	3,547	448	3,995
At 31 March 2024	43,590	31,242	74,832
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	14,187	909	15,096
At 31 March 2023	10,336	1,357	11,693

16. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	684	—

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	3,760	2,831

18. Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £2,696 (2023: £4,772).

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19. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	43,163	244,973	(218,896)	(7,300)	61,940
Grocery store designated fund	2,718	49,751	(48,291)	7,300	11,478
	<u>45,881</u>	<u>294,724</u>	<u>(267,187)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>73,418</u>

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
General funds	50,953	189,090	(196,880)	—	43,163
Grocery store designated fund	—	86,593	(83,875)	—	2,718
	<u>50,953</u>	<u>275,683</u>	<u>(280,755)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>45,881</u>

Grocery store designated fund - Victory Grocery Store was established to help local families that are being adversely affected by the rise in the cost of living. All can register as a member for an annual fee of £5, which allows them to shop twice a week. The £4 shop includes 5 fresh fruit/veg, 1 bakery item, 2 dairy/chilled items, 5 cupboard items, 1 frozen item, and 1 personal care item. Grants were submitted to support the delivery of the store. The grants either covered the store salaries or contributed towards the purchase of the items needed for the £4 shop.

Transfer from unrestricted to grocery store designated fund - The transfer of £7,300 from the unrestricted fund to the grocery store designated fund was to support the delivery of the ministry of the grocery store. The leadership believed in the vision and the model, but realised the ministry required an initial investment.

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Missions	25,865	41,542	(39,953)	—	27,454
Youth Development Fund	2,877	10,708	(6,600)	—	6,985
The Ark capital fund	3,391	—	(678)	—	2,713
Campus and church planting fund	6,459	41,652	(28,286)	—	19,825
Supported housing fund	4,304	77,646	(74,991)	—	6,959
Miscellaneous restricted donations	—	900	(900)	—	—

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19. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Helping Hands food bank	217	73	(272)	–	18
Vision Appeal	6,212	6,632	(6,817)	–	6,027
Mission Appeal	43	34,207	(32,588)	–	1,662
Academy Fund	1,714	1,265	(1,851)	–	1,128
External Grant Funding	10,000	2	(10,000)	–	2
Joseph Frank Trust	–	12,500	(11,458)	–	1,042
Torfaen County Borough Council					
Resilience Fund	–	13,495	(13,495)	–	–
Food 4 Growth	–	14,000	(14,000)	–	–
Torfaen County Borough Council	–	7,500	(7,500)	–	–
Operation Blessing	–	14,820	(14,820)	–	–
Love Christmas	–	1,500	(1,500)	–	–
	<u>61,082</u>	<u>278,442</u>	<u>(265,709)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>73,815</u>

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
Missions	26,113	21,103	(21,351)	–	25,865
Youth Development Fund	2,939	1,771	(1,833)	–	2,877
The Ark capital fund	4,239	–	(848)	–	3,391
Campus and church planting fund	10,233	19,639	(23,413)	–	6,459
Supported housing fund	1,145	85,097	(81,938)	–	4,304
Miscellaneous restricted donations	190	–	(190)	–	–
Helping Hands food bank	1,241	326	(1,350)	–	217
Vision Appeal	3,348	7,860	(4,996)	–	6,212
Mission Appeal	2,823	11,889	(14,669)	–	43
Academy Fund	1,515	3,937	(3,738)	–	1,714
External Grant Funding	14,787	50,991	(55,778)	–	10,000
	<u>68,573</u>	<u>202,613</u>	<u>(210,104)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>61,082</u>

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19. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds are as follows:

Missions - to support international missions work of Victory Church Philippines, Victory Church Sofia and other ministries in Uganda, Romania and USA.

The Ark capital fund - relates to donations received to purchase capital equipment for The Ark Play Centre

Campus and church planting fund - to provide funds to plant new Churches in different areas

Supported housing fund - to provide housing and a support package for males transitioning from homelessness or rehabilitation.

Miscellaneous restricted donations - from time to time, donations are given to the church with a specific purpose. These are then spent in accordance with the donor's wishes

Helping Hands - to provide food hampers for the most needy families during the Christmas period.

Vision Appeal - to support the vision of the church to multiply the ministry in more communities.

Mission Appeal - to support the local and international outreach ministry.

Academy Fund - Victory Church Academy is a theology and leadership training programme. Students enrol for the academic course which runs from September to July.

External Grant Fund

- to develop the grocery store to help local families to eat well at an affordable price, giving people a hand-up.
- to create a warm, safe and accessible space to enable the community to connect with others, build friendships, and receive support during the cost of living crisis.
- to produce Bags of Kindness to spread the joy of Christmas; for the most vulnerable to experience the joy and hope that Christmas promises.

Joseph Frank Trust - Grant to part fund a Personal Assistant role

Torfaen County Borough Council Resilience Fund - Grant received to fund the installation of a hive heating system, purchase outdoor furniture, and to create an outdoor eating area to extend the cafe.

Food 4 Growth - to part fund the staffing costs of the grocery store manager.

Torfaen County Borough Council - to part fund the staffing costs of the grocery store manager

Operation Blessing - to purchase food for the £4/£5 shop initiative

Love Christmas - to part fund bags of hope, Christmas food hampers for those in need.

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20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	10,250	4,846	15,096
Current assets	66,928	68,969	135,897
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,760)	—	(3,760)
Net assets	73,418	73,815	147,233

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	5,465	6,228	11,693
Current assets	43,247	54,854	98,101
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,831)	—	(2,831)
Net assets	45,881	61,082	106,963

21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	98,101	37,112	135,213

22. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Not later than 1 year	48,250	46,750
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	189,750	198,750
Later than 5 years	137,500	187,500
	375,500	433,000

23. Related parties

The total amount of donations received from trustees without conditions, during the year, was £8,421 (2023: £6,914).

During the year, the charity leased properties from Newport Furnishers Limited. Mr M Sheppard, a trustee of the charity, is also a director of Newport Furnishers Limited. The rent is based on market value and totalled £36,316 during the year (2023: £31,264).

No purchases were made with companies controlled by trustees during 2024 (2023: £10,540).